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Attached is a News Bulletin, which the next issue of KMBUMPSY will carry, stating that HTNEIGH leaders view Moscow's germ warfare charges as a build-up to discredit material aid being sent to starving Satellite peoples by exile groups.

Further comment is being sent by cable.

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## NEWS BULLETIN

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FREE ALBANIA LEADERS

VIEW MOSCOW'S GERM WARFARE CHARGES AS BUILD-UP

TO DISCREDIT MATERIAL AID BEING SENT TO STARVING

SATELLITE PEOPLES BY EXILE GROUPS

National Committee for Free Albania spokesmen charged today that Moscow's claims that germ warfare is being waged in Korea is a psychological warfare scheme developed by the Communists to halt the widespread sentiment for the Free West which is spreading rapidly thru the satellite countries as a result of material aid which is being distributed by exile groups residing in the Free West to these oppressed peoples on a large scale in spite of Moscow's efforts to halt such shipments.

NCFA spokesmen point to Albania as an outstanding example of one such satellite in which material aid distributee to the starving populace by its exile group has won widespread support for the Free West and thrown the Red Puppet Government into a complete quandry. According to NCFA, this story which is being told in detail for the first time, started last autumn. NCFA emissaries operating within Albania sent out word to their committee officers that in spite that of one of the best harvests in the history of Albania such large share of Albania's produce had been confiscated by Puppet Government of Enver Hoxha for shipment to Russia that the Albanian populace was left with insufficient foodstuffs to survive.

After careful investigation NCFA leaders determined to help their starving brethren, even at the expense of being accused of assisting the Puppet Regime. Thus, on 14th September, 1952, the Chairman of NCFA, who maintains headquarters in New York City, sent a telegram to Premier Enver Hoxha in Tirana stating that he and his associates, although dedicated to the demise of the Red Puppet Regime, could not stand idly by while their brothers and sisters died of starvation; that they desired to furnish material aid to their people and would made such assistance available if Premier Hoxha would agree to the acceptance of such aid under the supervision of a neutral International Organization.

Many weeks went by but Premier Hoxha made no reply. Thus, when winter set in, and NCFA's emissaries reported that people in many regions of Albania were reduced to the eating of plant roots and tree bark, the Committee undertook the wholesale distribution of foodstuffs. Ingenious methods (which NCFA spokesmen refuse to divulge in the fear that their aid will be cut-off) were developed and it is a well-known fact throughout the Balkans that countless thousands of Albanians who might otherwise have starved have been the recipients of scarce foodstuffs.

Conversely, Premier Hoxha and his cohorts have been driven out of their wits in an effort to combat the growing sentiment for the NCFA which this humanitarian activity has caused. At first, Hoxha's government spread the word that the foodstuffs being distributed were really sent for the support of hostile armies which were soon to invade the homeland. When this measure failed to halt the spread of enthusiasm (and the voluntary relinquishment of foodstuffs by recipients to the security police) the Puppet Government started a campaign to convince the populace that the Free West was distributing foodstuffs in Korea which were laden with germs for the purpose of spreading an epidemic throughout the land. This is obviously an attempt to implant fear in the minds of the Albanian people that the foodstuffs being distributed in Albania by NCFA are also germ laden. It is also apparent that this lie is being propagated in this manner in order to avoid the open admission that the Hoxha Regime is worried by the extent of this NCFA activity and its widespread effects in gaining sentiment for the Free West.

For some days now Radio Tirana has been building-up this campaign. The current stories of germ warfare which their Moscow masters are spreading are a clever means of substantiating these claims. There is little doubt in the minds of NCFA leaders that this is all part of a scheme developed in Moscow. The material aid program launched by NCFA last fall has been widely duplicated by other exile groups. Naturally, the Iron Curtain Puppet Governments and Moscow know that these exile groups operate from bases in the Free West; thus, they really blame the Free West as the supporters of these groups.